

Personal information has become the new currency of online commerce. Recent figures indicate that between 75 and 90 million Americans regularly use the **Internet**, and very rarely do these consumers actually **pay** for the content they see. Instead, **Internet** users offer up **personal** information about themselves as they go. Sometimes this information **exchange** occurs voluntarily, and sometimes it happens without the consumer knowing about it. In either case, vast warehouses of **personal** information are compiled, bought, and sold. **Personal** information is the lifeblood of the **Internet** economy. (0 refs).

Descriptors

<u>data-privacy</u>; <u>economics</u>; <u>electronic-commerce</u>; <u>information-resources</u>.

Keywords

economics; personal information exchange; online commerce; Internet users.

Classification codes

C0230 (**Economic**, social and political aspects of computing). C7210N (Information networks).

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STIC Search Report

STIC Database Tracking Number: 121365

TO: Leslie Wong Location: 4D41 Art Unit: 2177

Thursday, May 06, 2004

Case Serial Number: 09/849455

From: Carol Wong Location: EIC 2100

PK2-4B33

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Search Notes

Dear Examiner Wong,

Attached are the search results (from commercial databases) for your case. I was only able to search one half of the NPL databases within the 3 hour F&F time limitation because of the lengthy system processing times of very common search terms. Pls let me know if you are able to wait until the end of day for the results of the remaining databases. I will be in the EIC for the Open House until 3:30 pm today.

Color tags mark the patents/articles which appear to be most relevant to the case. Pls review all documents, since untagged items might also be of interest. If you wish to order the complete text of any document, pls submit request(s) directly to the EIC2100 Reference Staff located in PK2-4B40.

Pls call if you have any questions or suggestions for additional terminology, or a different approach to searching the case. Finally, pls complete the attached Search Results Feedback Form, as the EIC/STIC is continually soliciting examiners' opinion of the search service.

Thanks, Carol



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Web Recruiters Get Proactive -- Sites use technology to hunt for best IT
workers, build communities. (Industry Trend or Event)

Mullich, Joe InternetWeek, p43 July 10, 2000

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Tabloid; Trade

Word Count: 1940

... job situations.

Steps are already being taken in this direction. Korn/Ferry International, the executive **search** firm, maintains a **free** executive recruitment service on careerjournal.com called FutureStep that accentuates skills analysis. Users fill out...

...and career motivators. Within 24 hours, candidates can log onto their personal home page and retrieve career feedback, including a potential salary market value.

Candidates then have the opportunity to be considered for positions listed with FutureStep...

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Salary.com's Compensation Data Now Available On Vault.com; Deal Enables
Career Web Site to Provide Job Seekers and HR Pros with Accurate, Timely
Compensation Information.

Business Wire, p2144

July 5, 2000

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire; Trade

Word Count: 562

... quality apart from any other compensation information available on the Internet. Vault.com visitors can search for compensation at no charge by industry, region and job title in just three steps by using the Salary Wizard. Site visitors simply choose an industry and position from a series of drop-down menus that are supplemented by detailed job descriptions for thousands of titles. Once the visitor selects the appropriate job information and Zip code, the Salary Wizard instantly returns a detailed salary report for any given position, in any given locale.

"Salary.com has become the destination for accurate, authoritative salary data...

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04241041 Supplier Number: 46209324 Area's Largest Executive Search Firms Boston Business Journal, p26

March 8, 1996

Language: English Record Type: Abstract

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

ABSTRACT:

...with 232 originations in1995; followed by Isaacson, Miller (Boston, MA) with 136; then Korn/Ferry International (Los Angeles, CA) with 121. The

list also shows completions in 1995; searches open; minimum salary; average salary; fee structure; recruiters and employees; preferred industries ; offices in Massachusetts; total offices; headquarters; chief
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SUPPLIER NUMBER: 15634249 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) Goodbye MLS? (multiple listing services) (includes related article) Fletcher, June Builder, v17, n9, p74(3) July, 1994 ISSN: 0744-1193

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT WORD COUNT: 2116 LINE COUNT: 00166

But on-line real estate listing services can do much more: CompuServe, for instance, offers discounted services for relocating home shoppers, including job- search help, demographic information, cost -of- living comparisons, and school system rankings--and provides an electronic monthly mortgage calculator, too. GEnie offers...

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PRODUCTS & SERVICES: Site to offer commercial P/C cover online. (various new service introductions) (Abstract)

Business Insurance, v34, p12

August 21, 2000

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Article Type: Abstract

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 1049

... benefits, employment, occupational safety and health and employment projections.

Among the changes are a new wage query system that allows users to specify the geographic area, occupation and work level for a specific job and receive a published estimate of pay for that job.

The BLS Internet site also features a new news service, which allows users to obtain...

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Salary.com and WetFeet.com Announce Agreement for Syndication of Online
Compensation Data.

Business Wire, p2264

June 12, 2000

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire; Trade

Word Count: 473

... resource professionals, today announced an agreement with WetFeet.com, the leading career information site for job seekers and provider of recruitment research and consulting to top recruiters. Under the terms of...

...with accurate, authoritative salary data via Salary.com's Salary Wizard(TM), the most comprehensive salary tool available for researching compensation by industry, region and job. Salary.com also created a unique application for WetFeet.com's new Bay Area Dot Com section allowing visitors to search for Silicon Valley salaries within the Internet industry.

" Salary .com's purpose is to be more than a destination site for accurate, comprehensive compensation...

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07056632 Supplier Number: 58634552 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

ENTERING THE (\$ALARY) INFORMATION AGE.

Grund, John M.

Oregon Business, v22, n10, p30

Oct, 1999

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: '942

... in an incredibly competitive market for labor right now."

Her response was to roll out SalarySource, a searchable online

database that combines 48 salary surveys, covers 250 job titles and includes geographic differentials for 5,000 cities across the United States. She's pitching it as a...

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06973397 Supplier Number: 58960274 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT) womenCONNECT.com's Envision: Life after College First Business Site to Cater to Post-Collegiate Women Launches.

PR Newswire, p0522

Jan 26, 2000

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire; Trade

Word Count: 703

... women and men across 78 professions, from accountant to veterinarian.

Envision also features an online **job** -search database and Personal Search Agent(SM) -- offered through a partnership with CareerBuilder, the Reston...

...based leading provider of targeted interactive recruiting on the Web. Users can search this national job database by a number of criteria including geographic location and salary range, and the Personal Search Agent(SM) will conduct these same searches and automatically deliver matches to the user's...

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06973394 Supplier Number: 58960271 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT) womenCONNECT.com's 'Envision: Life After College' Making the Grade for Young Businesswomen.

PR Newswire, p0519

Jan 26, 2000

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Document Type: Newswire; Trade

Word Count: 587

... women

and men across 78 professions, from accountant to veterinarian.

Envision also features an online job -search database and Personal
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...based leading provider of targeted interactive recruiting on the web. Users can search this national job database by a number of criteria including geographic location and salary range; and the Personal Search Agent (SM) will conduct these same searches and automatically deliver matches to the user's...

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Need a new job? Get to work on the Web. (World Wide Web lists sites for
employment opportunities) (includes unrelated Web sources for medical
information, news, entertainment) (Internet Today)
Kennedy, Shirley Duglin
Information Today, v13, n7, p38(2)
July-August, 1996

ISSN: 8755-6286 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 2079 LINE COUNT: 00177

... text search by keywords, company name, and state only, while the latter allows more precise searches based on job title, salary, experience, and, geographic area. You'll also find job hunting tips and a resume-posting service.

* The Monster Board (http://www. monster.com/) offers...

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DIALOG(R)File 47:Gale Group Magazine DB(TM)
(c) 2004 The Gale group. All rts. reserv.

03151364 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 06497544 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) How to find a job online.

Van Camp, Ann J.

Online, v12, n4, p26(7)

July, 1988

CODEN: ONLID ISSN: 0146-5422 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE:

FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 3259 LINE COUNT: 00275

... by 40 technical and managerial job categories are divided into Jobs and Resumes. The standardized job descriptions include job title, type of business, salary range, geographic location, descriptive information, educational level desired, and contact. The standard resume lists desired position, salary range, geographic location desired, employment background, professional certification, educational level, and contact. After selection of a job category in Jobs or Resumes, the search can be narrowed by specifying salary, location, Standard Industry Codes (SIC), degree codes, or keywords. The database also has tips on resume writing and...

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12964925 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 68274166 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Landing a job in a strange new world. (Internet job sites)
Jennings, Andrea T.; Hayes, Michael
Journal of Accountancy, 190, 6, 55
Dec, 2000

ISSN: 0021-8448 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext WORD COUNT: 3538 LINE COUNT: 00283

... brought back 480 hits.

* www.careers.yahoo.com

Highlights include a job-search engine, a salary calculator that compares salaries by region, company profiles and trend information.

* www.hotjobs.com

Check chat rooms where job seekers share...

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12295326 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 63171593 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) Sympatico Workplace.

Smith, Foster

National Post, 2, 161, E19

April 29, 2000

ISSN: 1493-4779 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext WORD COUNT: 99 LINE COUNT: 00011

... as careers in freelance and creative writing, as well as numerous

job search engines. Workplace links to national and international also offers a salary calculator to help assess what you and your ideal job are worth and a site for posting resumes.

GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

New information: Site is...

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SUPPLIER NUMBER: 62235088 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) From The Web ... (News Briefs)

Long, Tim

Computer Reseller News, 6

May 22, 2000

ISSN: 0893-8377 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 270 LINE COUNT: 00024

stack up against others with similar profiles? To find out, go to our Solution Provider Salary Survey Database, which is searchable by position , certification, gender, region and title.

Or, if you're looking for a new job or have a position...

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11772360 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 58056129 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) The Online Job Hunt.

Rosencrantz, Michael J. CPA Journal, 69, 11, 14

Nov, 1999

ISSN: 0732-8435 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 2650 LINE COUNT: 00210

The job hunter fills out a short questionnaire, defining the type of employment sought, the **geographic** area, and other information, such as salary requirements. The system queries the databases, generates a list of jobs that fit the user's requirements, and e-mails the list. As mailing lists are...

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SUPPLIER NUMBER: 57590775 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) OCCUPATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND GENDER EARNINGS DIFFERENTIALS IN MEXICO. Brown, Cynthia J.; Pagan, Jose A.; Rodriguez-Oreggia, Eduardo

Industrial and Labor Relations Review, 53, 1, 123

Oct, 1999

ISSN: 0019-7939 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract

WORD COUNT: 6491 LINE COUNT: 00605

premiums/underpayments for those employed in non-registered firms as well as public sector workers. Regional differences in earnings were also pronounced for all gender/ occupation groups except female operators and men in technical and educational occupations .

Table 5 reports the monthly earnings decompositions by occupation for 1987 and 1993. The gender log earnings differential is decomposed into two components: one attributes part of the earnings gap to differences

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01609622 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 14048429 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT) ACM introduces CompensationView, a compendium of salary surveys.

(ACMemberNet) (Supplement to Communications of the ACM - ACM: The Information Technology Source) (Brief Article)

Communications of the ACM, v36, n7, pS11(1)

July, 1993

DOCUMENT TYPE: Brief Article ISSN: 0001-0782 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 231 LINE COUNT: 00019

... includes:

The CV Book, containing an interview with Jack Wilson, comments on the major computing industry salary surveys and the ACM members' salary survey data; a combined table of five salary surveys; a cost of living map (showing U.S. only); ACM member's salaries by function; reviews and recommendations of job search literature.

The 1993 Computer Salary Survey, published by Source EDP. This handy book contains a pull-out survey showing salaries by job functions and U.S. regions.

Cost for ACM members is \$12; nonmembers, \$20. Credit card orders: 800-342-6626 (in...

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WORKING THE WEB; Tools for Tracking Paychecks and Prospects

Johnson, Carrie

Washington Post, p E.4

Aug 24, 2000

ISSN: 0190-8286 NEWSPAPER CODE:

DOCUMENT TYPE: News; Newspaper article

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: ABSTRACT

ABSTRACT: There are many things to like about Salary.com. Chief among them: You don't have to fill out an onerous and intrusive registration form to get compensation data. The site offers brief but thorough job descriptions, regional salary information, and comparisons among salaries in several U.S. cities, all with printable charts. A weekly chat forum and feature articles on such topics as corporate restructuring and bonuses round out the content on the site. Check out the salary data and find, for instance, that managing editors of Web sites in the Washington area earn a median salary of \$98,121--about \$6,000 more than the national figure for the same <code>job</code> . In Boston, though, these designers and managers of Web content rake in a median salary of \$100,618. The site of this technical recruiting company can try a person's nerves. The introduction to its 2000 salary survey, especially a reference to the mid-1980s song "The Future's So Bright I Gotta Wear Shades," induced a cringe. But get past that, and the sometimes sluggish pace of downloading Web pages in the PDF format, and you'll find the job descriptions and regional breakdown for dozens of tech jobs are worth a look. You can access the salary information online free , without becoming a part of Kforce's database of recruits.

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Getting Ahead: Web Transforms Art of Negotiating Raises

Lublin, Joann S

Wall Street Journal, Sec B, p 1, col 3

Sep 22, 1998

ISSN: 0099-9660 NEWSPAPER CODE: WSJ

DOCUMENT TYPE: News; Newspaper

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: ABSTRACT

LENGTH: Long (18+ col inches)

ABSTRACT: Unsure about her worth at the outset of her job search , she found a U.S. salary database on a Web site created by Marshall Consultants, a New York executive-search firm. It was a trove of salary information supplied by more than 16,000 communications professionals. Ms. (Holly) Peckham's conclusion: She should be making about \$37,000 a year as an account executive at a PR agency serving high-tech clients. That was about \$9,000 more than she was earning as an assistant account executive at Schwartz Communications in Waltham, Mass. In a world where information is power, salary negotiations have long been greatly imbalanced. But the Internet is changing that, as burgeoning numbers of Web sites offer salary surveys, job listings with specified pay levels and even customized compensation analyses. Armed with this data, workers are finding their hands strengthened as they haggle over compensation for a new job -- or try to improve their pay at a current one. JobSmart, run by a regional public library agency in San Mateo, Calif., offers links to 150 free salary surveys on the Web that draw about 4,000 visitors a day. Exec-U-Net, a for-profit job search network, divulges free information about the salary, bonus and stock options offered for about 650